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EH-11085**REMARKS**

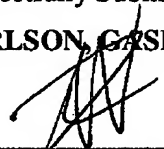
Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the detailed remarks, the allowability of claims 7, and the allowance of claims 8-20. Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 7 has been amended to independent form. Accordingly, claims 1-6 are pending.

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Ford et al.* (US 2002/0050451A1). Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Sugano* (6695956). Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Strasser* (WO 03/081702A2). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections. As noted by the Examiner in the allowable subject matter section, none of the prior art of record clearly discloses or renders obvious a claim method of removing dissolved oxygen from within a fuel system and electrochemically converting the dissolved oxygen within the liquid fuel to water and separating the water from the liquid fuel. Applicant has amended claim 1 to specifically recite and separate said water from said liquid fuel. As such, amended claim 1 is properly allowable.

Applicant believes that no additional fees are required; however, should any fees or extensions of time be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 21-0279.

Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a teleconference will facilitate moving this case forward to being issued, Applicant's representative can be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully Submitted,
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